

recognize that the Senate will have at all events to sit for some little time, even into the next month, which I hope will be rapidly acquiesced in by hon. members. I am aware that a number of gentlemen have expressed their desire that we should adjourn at an early day. Of course any such adjournment will be over the Christmas holidays, and that will be an adjournment for five or six weeks. It would be rather unseemly to adjourn for so long a period, and I hope hon. gentlemen will recognize the propriety of remaining here while there is any work to be done. There will be in addition to the Revised Statutes two other Bills that I shall have the pleasure of submitting for the consideration of this body, so we shall have something to do. I hope some private Bills will be introduced also to give us occupation.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Is there any probability of the Revised Statutes being laid on the table before we are asked to ratify them, or are we expected to ratify them without knowing what they are?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—The indexes are not yet completed. What I proposed to do was to lay on the table probably two or three sets of the Revised Statutes in their present condition contemporaneously with the introduction of the Bill to which I allude.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until three p.m. to-morrow.

THE SENATE.

OTTAWA, Tuesday, November 27, 1906.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

CORRESPONDENCE RE ROSS RIFLE COMPANY.

MOTION.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY moved:

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General; praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House a copy of all correspondence exchanged between the government and the Ross Rifle Company or any other association or military body or any person

whomsoever, or between the various departments of the government on the subject of the Ross rifle, of the inspections which it has undergone, of the improvements which have been suggested, of the complaints which have been made, or of the reports which have been made.

The motion was agreed to.

ROSS RIFLE COMPANY.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY inquired of the government:

1. On the 1st November of the present year how many rifles had the government accepted from the Ross Rifle Company (a) of Mark No. I. (b) of Mark No. II.?

2. Out of that number how many of each pattern were accepted since the 1st May last?

3. How much has the government paid up to the 1st November instant for all the rifles which it has accepted from the Ross Rifle Company, distinguishing the payments made for Mark No. I. and the payments made for Mark No. II.?

4. Of these payments what amount must be deducted for the sums paid between the 1st May and the 1st November of the current year?

5. On the 1st November instant what was the amount advanced by the government to the company as payment in advance for rifles in course of manufacture but not yet accepted by the government?

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—In reply to the hon. gentleman I may say as regards question No. 1, the answer is 10,500 rifles of mark I have been accepted and 9,000 of mark II. In reply to the second question, 3,000 of mark I and 6,000 of mark II. In reply to the third question, \$262,500 have been paid on account of mark I and \$225,000 on account of mark II. As regards the fourth question, \$75,000 on account of mark I and \$150,000 on account of mark II. As respects the fifth question \$412,322.51, on the certificates of the inspector and chartered accountant respectively, paid on account of the 32,500 ordered and in process of manufacture.

THE ADDRESS.

DEBATE RESUMED.

The Order of the Day being called,

Resuming the adjourned Debate on the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's speech on the opening of the Third Session of the Tenth Parliament.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I desire heartily to concur in the observations with which the hon. leader of the opposition prefaced his address last evening, in which he compli-